IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Eric B. Grossman, Nandan:

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APPLICATION NO.: To be assigned : Examiner: To be assigned

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TITLE: TREATMENT OF NEUROPATHY

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This continuation is in response to the Office Action in the parent application U.S. application 10/206,615 mailed on June 11, 2003. The term for response to that Office Action has been extended to December 2003 with the December 9, 2003 filing of a three month extension of time in the parent application 10/206,615 to assure continuity with the instant application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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